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SUBJECT: AUDIENCE WITH EMPEROR RE MILITARY AND OTHER
ASSISTANCE

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1. IN AUDIENCE WITH EMPEROR MAY 9 I CONVEYED USG RESPONSE TO IEG ARMS REQUEST, INCLUDING HIM'S WASHINGTON VISIT LAST MAY AS PART OF BACKGROUND. EMPEROR WAS ALERT AND APPEARED IN GOOD HEALTH. IN CONCLUSION I EMPHASIZED USG HOPE THAT ITS ARMS DELIVERIES WILL MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SECURITY OF ETHIOPIA AND PEACE IN THE HORN.

2. EMPEROR BEGAN REPLY WITH COMMENT THAT "THESE ARE DIFFICULT TIMES FOR ETHIOPIA AND, INDEED, THE WHOLE WORLD". HE SAID THAT MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM USG AND "OTHER FRIENDLY COUNTRIES" WILL BE USED FOR BEST OF PURPOSES, SINCE THERE CAN BE NO DEVELOPMENT IN ETHIOPIA WITHOUT SECURITY FROM EXTERNAL ATTACK. HE WISHED USG KNOW THAT HE IS "VERY APPRECIATIVE" OF ITS RESPONSE. IT IS TRULY "IN HARD TIMES" THAT ONE DISCOVERS WHO ONE'S REAL FRIENDS ARE. USG RESPONSE WILL CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN TRADITIONAL FRIEND-
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SHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. EMPEROR SAID HE WOULD LIKE

TO EMPHASIZE NEED FOR URGENCY IN DELIVERING MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN NOW BE PROVIDED IEG. OF COURSE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE IS STILL "PRIMARY" IN HIS VIEW AND HE ALSO WISHED EXPRESS GREAT APPRECIATION FOR ECONOMIC AND DROUGHT ASSISTANCE WHICH USG CURRENTLY PROVIDING.

3. I REFERRED TO RECENT, CURRENT AND FUTURE USG GRAIN SHIPMENTS AND MENTIONED BRIEFLY PROBLEM OF PORT CONGESTION, PARTICULARLY AT DJIBOUTI. EMPEROR SAID HE WAS AWARE OF PROBLEM AND HAD GIVEN NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO RESOLVE IT. IN CONCLUSION HE SAID HE WOULD CALL ME IN IF HE HAD ANY REQUEST TO MAKE REGARDING PRIORITIES OF US DROUGHT OR OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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